PORT CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND HONOR SOCIETIES

2023-2024
Why join a club?

- Get Involved
- Stay connected
- Meet New Friends
- Relief from stress
- Build your high school resume

Why join? Why not?
The purpose of the African American Club (AAC) is to help students of all races celebrate, embrace, and expand their knowledge of African American history and culture. Our goal is to provide social support while fostering student development and success through cultural awareness, leadership, and community service. Each meeting provides students with a safe place to talk about and share personal experiences as well as address and discuss cultural and social issues surrounding African Americans in our country. The club is open to all PCHS students who are interested in learning more about the history, traditions, and customs of African Americans.
Anime is a style of Japanese animation that has become even more popular in recent years. The Anime Club watches anime shows together and partakes in discussions or related activities. The Anime Club strives to have fun and explore animation in a safe and welcoming space.
Anthony Foust Club

- The group is named after a 1978 PCHS graduate who embodied the values of goodwill and service. Anthony Foust died of cancer in 1990 and this club is dedicated to giving back to the Port Chester community through acts of service. We offer opportunities to participate in food drives, toy drives, coat drives, mentorship programs, and so much more. Step outside your comfort zone and give of yourself to make a difference in your community. Turn notifications on and be on the lookout for our first meeting!

Coming Soon: Ramily Thrift Store!
The Asian Culture Club promotes and celebrates the cultures, heritages, and languages from Asia. This includes popular culture (like anime and K-pop) as well as deeper issues (like history and current events). Our goal is to raise awareness and acceptance of people of Asian descent. We have weekly meetings, and we also host multiple events throughout the year. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you soon!
Badminton Club

Taking part in any form of regular physical activity helps to release our natural feel good happy hormones, **endorphins**. In turn, this can help **reduce depression**, **anxiety** and **stress** and improve our overall **mood and sleep**. Talking to other players and rallying in singles or doubles means that badminton is a social sport.

So come hang with us, get involved, make new friends, and learn a new sport!

**Faculty Advisor:** Eric DiNome & Carlos Gomez

**Meeting Days:**
Fridays 3:15-4:35 PM

**Google Class Code:** ftm5swe
Faculty Advisor:
Magdalena Padilla

Meeting Days:
Before school 7-8AM

Google class code:
364xpdq

Byron Womack Mentoring Club
Career Cruisers Club

Career Cruisers is a college and career program that helps to prepare students for the future. Students will explore potential career options and interests and will learn about college and other options that exist after graduation.
Join us every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month where we play chess against our friends and teachers! If you’ve never played chess before, we will teach you how to play! Low commitment, just come the days you are free. Sign up on the Google Classroom to get the information about the dates we will be meeting. See you there!
Debate Club

The Debate Club offers a safe and engaging environment in which students can enjoy discussing and debating different topics ranging from the silly to the serious. Students will be able to have fun letting their voice be heard on various topics while practicing some persuasive, argumentative, and listening skills along the way. Speak openly and debate honestly.

Faculty Advisor: Justin Thomas

Meeting Days: Wednesdays Room 236

Google Class Code: 26aceot
Dungeons and Dragons Club

The D&D Club is a group of diverse players who choose their own adventure in a fantasy world formulated by the Dungeon Master.

Faculty Advisors: Imogen Lopez

Meeting Days: Every other Tuesday

Google Class Code: dnikwud
eSports Club

eSports is club mane purpose is to explore and push the boundaries of competitive gaming. The club focuses on head to head gaming predominantly (but not exclusively).

Examples: Rocket League, FIFA, Street Fighter, MK, Guilty Gear, Pokemon, Multiversus...

Tournaments will be held approx every 2 months
Environmental Club

The purpose of the Environmental Club is to create awareness of environmental issues local and worldwide. Our club strives to empower students to be the change. Students who are interested in environmental advocacy and awareness are encouraged to join!

Faculty Advisors: Emily Machia & Victoria Rose

Meeting Days: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Google Class Code: bvwzmk4
French Club
Le Cercle Francais - our mission is to provide activities for students that promote understanding and goodwill among different ethnic groups by offering a variety of Francophone-related events. Le Cercle Francais will combine certain activities with the Spanish and Italian Clubs. Students need not be enrolled in a world language class to participate.

LE GRAND CONCOURS - 1 meeting per month will be dedicated to preparing for this national contest!
Gaming Club

The Gaming Club aims to provide a safe, reliable, local venue for students to play multiplayer video games together. You can play video games including Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart, board games like Monopoly or Clue, or card games like Uno.

Class Code: rmhmj7d
Gardening Club

The Garden Club is a group of students who share an interest in gardening, gardens, and plants. Our focus is on educating, as well as helping students find enjoyment in the process of growing and caring for plants.
Gay-Straight Alliance GSA

The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is a student-run club that brings together LGBTQ and straight students to support each other, provide a safe place to socialize, and create a platform for activism to fight homophobia and transphobia.

Faculty Advisor: Barry Backelman

Meeting Days: First and third Tuesdays

Google Class Code: gup2csu
The Global Leaders Club is open to all students 9-12 and focuses on the completion of the Seal of Global Competency. This is a unique opportunity to PCHS students for their resumes! This club recognizes students who want to make a difference in their community, and participate in a community service project related to the UN Sustainable Goals. Please see the attachments to the left for how to achieve the Seal!
**Habitat for Humanity Club**

**Who are we?** An organization that supports efforts to improve living conditions for local families.

**Membership:** open to any student who wishes to join a group that cares about people.

**What do we do?** Work closely with the local Habitat for Humanity chapter to support local builds and landscape projects.

**Activities include:** fundraisers, meetings, field trips and volunteering at local sites.
Italian Club

The mission of the Italian club is to positively promote the Italian language and culture through activities and celebrations. The Italian Club will also combine certain activities with the French and Spanish Clubs. Students need not be enrolled in a World Language to participate.

Faculty Advisor: Dina Tobias

Meeting Days: Wednesday

Google Class Code: d3tsyfu
The Key Club

The Key Club is a student-led internationally recognized organization which provides its members with opportunities to serve, build character, and develop leadership skills. Members believe that service is an essential piece of a successful high school experience.

The Key Club organizes bake sales, holiday food baskets, toy drives, fundraising events for special causes, and other student-initiated service projects in the Port Chester community.

Faculty Advisors:
Santos Avila & Elizabeth Messina

Meeting Days:
Tuesdays

Google Class Code:
kw3upvj
Latinos Unidos Culture Club

We celebrate Latin American/Hispanic culture through various events during the school year, such as dances, bake sales, and our Latinos Unidos dinner, when 15-20 restaurants from Port Chester donate delicious platters of food for the school community to enjoy. We raise money for scholarships for our senior members. All are welcome!

Faculty Advisors:
Rosa Pena & Katie Zappone

Meeting Days:
Tuesdays Room 250 at 3:05
Twice monthly

Google Class Code:
xmwx5a
Lacrosse Club

Come join us to learn the basics of Lacrosse and find out why it is considered “the fastest game on two feet”. Beginners are encouraged to come learn the in’s and out’s of the game while also practicing our stick skills.

Faculty Advisor: John Cegielski

Meeting Days:

Google Class Code: yjt4wck
Literary Book Club

Enjoy reading? Come join others to read a student chosen book and discuss as a group!

Faculty Advisor: Barry Backelman

Meeting Days: Last Tuesday of each month

Google Class Code: qkksola
Model UN

Model UN is a simulation of the UN General Assembly and its other multilateral bodies where students perform an ambassador role while debating topics such as gender equality, climate action, global health, and more. Through public speaking, critical thinking, and in-depth research, the Model UN experience allows students to cultivate skills and enrich their global affairs knowledge.

Faculty Advisor:
Tim Hartnett and John Collins

Meeting Days:
Second and fourth Monday

Google Class Code:
d5x3wld
One World programs prepare youth for the complex challenges and opportunities of the 21st century by helping them become leaders of character, knowledgeable of the world around them and capable of changing it for the better. We will work directly with students from around the world to make connections and make change!

Faculty Advisor: Tim Hartnett

Meeting Days: First and third Monday

Google Class Code: 2ounlv5
Port Light

The Port Light is the school’s newspaper, and we’re excited for your voices to be heard! This newspaper will run like a collaborative newsroom, with editions running both digitally and in print. We will cover current events, Port Chester news, PCHS news, student life/interest stories, and opinion pieces. Come join and be the voice of Port Chester!

Faculty Advisor: Aaron Glazer & Justin Thomas

Meeting Days: Mondays in Room 134

Google Class Code: cuujvau
The Table Tennis / Ping Pong Club

***All New & Former Players Are Welcomed!***

There will be lessons on how to play during the first few meetings!

Faculty Advisor:
Carlos Gomez

Meeting Days:

Google Classroom Code: 4j2jqds
Ram Coding Alliance (a.k.a Coding Club)

This club is for students interested in computer science topics. Through project-based learning, students will develop their skills, confidence, and the ability to build games, websites, and applications through computer programming.
Rugby Club

Come join the Coed Rugby Club!! No prior knowledge needed to learn one of the fastest growing sports for boys and girls in high schools and colleges around the country! You will learn about the rules, how to play, and opportunities to play.

The Google classroom will have weekly content posted there.

Faculty Advisor: 
Gareth Gibbs

Meeting Days:
Every Tuesday & Thursday 3:05PM in Big Gym/Main Field Starting Feb. 27th

Google Classroom Code:
pyw7zys
Science and Research Club

This club is open to anyone who is interested to conduct research in different fields of science, particularly is open for ninth grade students who intend to enroll in the Authentic Science Research Program in grades 10, 11, and 12. Fundamentals of research will be explored in the areas of science, technology, and engineering.
Slam Poetry Club

The purpose of the Slam Poetry Club is to provide an opportunity for students to creatively express themselves through the oral art of slam poetry. Students will share their original work or the work of other poets. Students will also collaborate with each other to improve each other’s writing as well as compete against each other in poetry slams. Students will have the opportunity to craft and develop their oral presentation and performance skills. The club is open to any and all Port Chester High School poets and lovers of poetry.

Faculty Advisor:
Nelson Diaz, Jr.

Meeting Days:
Every Tuesday at 3:05 PM in Room 136

Google Classroom Code:
nji5d6b
Spanish Club

The Spanish Club is a great opportunity to practice the language and learn about Hispanic Culture in a social environment. Here you will be able to strengthen your skills while meeting students with similar interest. The Spanish Club will also combine certain activities with the French and Italian Club. Students do not need to be enrolled in a world language class to participate, all are welcomed!

Faculty Advisor: Martha Sendoya

Meeting Days: Wednesdays

Google Classroom Code: d3tsyfu
Tamarack Tower Literary Magazine and Creative Writing Club

The Creative Writing Club (CWC) is a forum for those with a love of creative writing and/or art. In this club, you can share your work in a friendly and positive environment with the goal of improving your craft and socializing with your peers. Over the course of the year, we also work on and publish several Literary Magazines.

Click to check out our September 2020 Edition!
The 2023-2024 Yearbook is destined to become a great one! We are looking for new staff so come join this student produced publication. You can join our photography team, creative team, journalism team, or sales/marketing team. We are always looking for new members to take photos, create and design pages, report on events, or promote and sell books!
Art Club

Art Club gives students the opportunity to practice the arts and develop their skills. They can experiment with new materials and tools, while exploring new avenues of enrichment and expression.

The club is a student-led after school activity open to all PCHS students.

Come collaborate, express and create cool stuff!!!
Drama Club

The Drama Club provides an exciting opportunity for students to work as a cooperative team in the production of two large-scale theatrical productions per year: a Fall Play and Spring Musical. Students act, design, run crew, publicize, and manage the entire process under the supervision of the adviser who facilitates the artistic, business, and technical aspects of production.

FALL PLAY: Twelve Angry Jurors

SPRING MUSICAL: Legally Blonde the Musical

Faculty Advisor: Christina Baurle

Meeting Dates: Daily based on rehearsal/production schedules

Google Classroom Code: sp7zqtd
Film Club

The Film Club allows students the opportunity to pick a new movie genre each month, propose, and vote on a film they would like to view. The club will discuss aspects of the film and what that film is trying to tell its audience. It is the perfect opportunity to check out new films you’ve always wanted to watch and explore new genres!

Faculty Advisor:
Victoria Rose

Meeting Days:
TBD by You!

Google Classroom Code:
ygq5mwf
The Port Chester Sound
(A Capella Group)

The A Capella Choir (The Port Chester Sound) is an advanced vocal ensemble, open by audition only, which performs a variety of a capella pop music. The group performs at all District Concert events, as well as community performances. This year, the group will be creating professional recordings and virtual performances. While enrollment in Concert Choir is encouraged, it is not a prerequisite for auditioning.
Jazz Band

The Jazz Band is an opportunity for students to perform and become experts in the art of Jazz and musical improvisation. This is the only band where YOU get to create the music, in one of America’s greatest traditions!

Faculty Advisor: Mike Miceli

Meeting Days
6-9pm, 2 Nights per Week

Google Classroom Code: ysob7wr
This club will offer the opportunity for students to play and perform rock music on all instruments: from guitar, bass, drums, vocals, keyboard, horns, or other instruments. Students will be assigned songs to work on; they can choose songs; or they can write songs.
Orchestra Club

Orchestra students will have the opportunity to prepare music (usually of a harder level) for after school events.

Faculty Advisor: Melissa Neyer

Meeting Day & Time: Tuesdays 3-4pm

Google Classroom Code: email mneyer@portchestserschools.org
Pit Orchestra

Music students will prepare music for the musical.

Faculty Advisor:
Melissa Neyer & Jonathan Pereira

Meeting Day & Time:
Wednesdays 3-4pm

Google Classroom Code: email
mneyer@portcheskerschools.org
International Thespian Honor Society

The International Thespian Society is the only theatre honor society for middle and high school students in the United States. ITS recognizes, rewards, and encourages student achievement and celebrates the work of students in all aspects of theatre – performance and production.

Qualifications for Membership: Students are invited to join our troupe of the International Thespian Honor Society when they have attained at least 10 thespian points (1pt = 10 hours of theatre participation). Students can earn points from participating in our productions, theatre classes, and other theatre activities and events.
Mu Alpha Theta Math National Honor Society

Mu Alpha Theta is a nationally recognized High School Mathematics Honor Society. The purpose of this Honor Society is to acknowledge and promote students who show a keen interest in mathematics.

Qualifications for Membership:

To be eligible for membership to Mu Alpha Theta, students must have completed three years of high school mathematics, provided their mathematics work was done with distinction. Distinction is defined by an overall average of 85 or better. In addition, New York State Regents Exams in Mathematics are also factored into the calculation of the overall average.

Faculty Advisor: Anthony Perciavalle

Meeting Days: Third Wednesday of the month

Application and more Information
National Art Honor Society

The National Art Honor Society is an organization of students and staff that recognizes and appreciates the importance of creativity in a school community as well as in their lives. Students demonstrate their dedication to the arts through both participation in the organization, as well as community engagement in the arts. Students who fulfill requirements can join the organization in the fall of their Junior year and subsequently inducted.

Qualifications for Membership: A junior or senior with a cumulative average of 87 or better in their arts courses.

Faculty Advisor: Kelly Keogan

Meeting Days: Last Tuesday of the Month

Google Classroom code: f7tkf6i
National English Honor Society

The National English Honor Society is an organization of students and staff that recognizes and appreciates the study of English language arts and has adopted the name “Shakespeare’s Scholars.”

Qualifications for Membership:

Requirements for participation are an overall average of at least 80, a 90 in the previous year’s English course, and a current placement in IB English Language and Literature or ECE English.
National Honor Society

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation’s premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. NHS is not only an honor roll, but a commitment from those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Qualifications for Membership: By invitation ONLY as a junior and/or senior based on scholastic achievement of an 88 or higher average. Students must submit endorsements from two teachers/coaches/mentors in the school community to ensure that they display the criteria being met in the areas of leadership, service, and character in relation to the Port Chester School Community.

Faculty Advisor: Emily Macchia
Meeting Days: TBA
Google Classroom Code: [Google Meet] Projects Around the PC Community
Peer Tutoring Center

Do you need help with your schoolwork? Or with your adjustment to High School? Then come to the Peer Tutoring/Mentoring Center in the library Mondays after school, starting in late October. Listen closely to the morning announcements for the start date. The Center will be open from 3:05-4:05 pm and will have volunteer, student tutors and mentors who are ready to help you with homework, test prep, staying organized, getting involved with the school community, and more!

Tutee* information

Tutee - a student who receives tutoring.
Rho Kappa NHS Social Studies

Rho Kappa is a nationally recognized High School Social Studies Honor Society. The purpose of this Honor Society is to acknowledge and promote students who show a keen interest in Social Studies/History.

Qualifications for Membership:

To be eligible for membership to Rho Kappa, students must have completed three years of high school Social Studies, provided their Social Studies work was done with distinction. Distinction is defined by an overall average of 85 or better. In addition, New York State Regents Exams in Social Studies are also factored into the calculation of the overall average.
Tri-M National Honor Society

The Tri-M Music Honor Society, Chapter 1191, is our local high school chapter of the National Tri-M Music Honor Society. Through music, this group participates in school and community service while maintaining high academic and musical standards.

Qualifications for Membership: Music Participation — Candidates must be enrolled in a school music ensemble for at least one semester of the current school year.

Academic Achievement — Candidates must have maintained for the previous semester at least an 8 average grade or equivalent in music, with at least a cumulative C average grade or equivalent in other academic subjects.

Leadership, service to the community, and character are also taken into account for new and current members.

Faculty Advisor: Melissa Neyer

Meeting Days: First Wednesday of the month @ 3pm in rm. 373

Google Classroom Code: 7hiydk4
The purpose of the Freshman Class Committee is to promote school spirit and raise funds for future events. My goal is to help 9th grade students plan and run activities targeted towards the Freshman Class, promote class unity and class spirit and above all, serve as a positive role-model among the class and the greater school community.
The purpose of the Sophomore Class Committee is to promote school spirit and unity within the student body. The Committee will encourage sophomores to participate in fundraising activities in order to raise funds for future events for the class of 2025.
**Junior Class Committee**

**Purpose:** to promote school spirit, encourage peer engagement in all Junior Class activities, and fundraising for senior year!!!

**Special Junior Activities:** Purchase of class jewelry and the long-standing tradition of the Junior Ring Ceremony each spring!

JOIN using the meeting classroom code to the left!

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**Faculty Advisors:** Mr. Piro & Ms. Tramontelli

**Meeting Days:** TBD

**Google Classroom Code:** 67wm43j
Senior Class Officers

The purpose of the Senior Class and the Senior Class Officers is to promote school spirit and encourage seniors to participate actively in Senior Class activities and fundraising. Senior year is an amazing year, with seniors enthusiastically looking forward to participating in spirit-building activities, creating a Senior T-shirt, planning Senior Prom, and preparing for their graduation.
**RAM NATION**

This club is the foundation of what it means to be a RAM. RAM NATION is dedicated to strengthening school spirit. Through annual events like the famous RAMILY Carnival or the Outdoor Movie Night, we strive to bring our school community together in a positive way. Inspire our student body to proudly wear blue and white, step outside your comfort zone, and make our school a better place. Be on the lookout for our first meeting!

**FACULTY ADVISORS:** Jeffrey Kravitz & Michael Stabile

**MEETING DAYS:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODE:** s3m7sac